

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the Abstract of the Specification with the following paragraph (a marked-up version of the changes is included herewith) :

[ABST] A method, system, and computer program for managing multi-tiered resource systems, such as Storage Area Networks (SANs). Resource tiers in the resource system are examined to if they are in compliance with a management policy. If a resource tier is not in compliance with the management policy, a processing operation automatically increases available capacity in containers in order to bring the containers in compliance with the management policy. The management policy may, for example, include a requirement that an expiration date of the resource tier occur after a maintenance date.